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## Winter On The Wane



## Spring Sneaking In



## Winter Beauty

By Stephanie Alaimo

*In the winter, though the trees  
Are withered and stripped;  
And the wind, with frozen bite  
Leaves the ears nipped;  
There is joy!  
For I have the snow  
With its pure soft glow.*

*Above my window  
Gleaming ice crystal,  
With spear pointed tips;  
Glistening with winter's icy nips.*

*In my garden, a beautiful lone rose,  
A stirring picture in prose,  
Who forgot the season...  
And bloomed beyond reason.*

*Hurrying home to a cozy hearth,  
Hearts filled with love;  
Eyes brimming with mirth,  
Blessed am I...  
Living close to the earth.*



Is this the single rose in Stephanie Alaimo's winter garden???

Photos By  
John Loftus



# Southwick To Vote On 2 1/2 Override In April Elections

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen Wednesday unanimously agreed to ask voters to override the 2 1/2 % tax cap for new debts. The item will be on the annual election ballot April 13th.

Selectman Russell Fox said that, while he agrees with Proposition 2 1/2, "It does not give us any options for emergencies." Fox said the Finance Committee also agreed with the request to put the item on the ballot.

The proposal will require a majority vote for approval. It will allow the town to bond for an estimated \$1 million to repair school and Town Hall roofs. Regular budgets will still have to remain within the 2 1/2 limits.

Selectmen will hold a public hearing Monday, March 22nd, at 7 p.m. in the town hall concerning the proposed use of state revenue sharing funds for fiscal 1983. Residents and members of various town departments will discuss the application of the state funds allocated to alleviate the local tax burden. Decisions resulting from this hearing will be presented to Town Meeting for approval.

The board appointed Harry Syrenne as radiological defense officer and Henry Engelhardt, deputy RADEF officer for the Civil Defense department.

Both men are experienced in the use of equipment for monitoring radioactive materials. According to Engelhardt, they can do field work and instruct others in the use of equipment in case of a nuclear emergency.

Selectmen will hold a further public hearing on the request of Joseph Radwilowicz for a Class II used car license for his property at the corner of College Highway and Vining Hills Road. Area residents and especially members of Christ Church United Methodist were concerned that it would be a junk car lot.

A Class II license, according to law, allows only the buying and selling of used cars, but selectmen have

allowed other license holders to do minor repair work involved with the selling. Selectmen have also set limits as to the number of vehicles allowed in one location.

In a letter to the selectmen, the church council said it had no objection to a neat used car lot, but felt a junk lot would be detrimental to the newly developing business area, the residential area and the church property.

The Zoning Board of Appeals also approved sale of used cars, but said further vehicle service uses would require special permits. Radwilowicz was not present at the hearing Wednesday. No date has been set for a continuance.

In other business, selectmen granted T.J. Welch a Class II license for trucks only for his property on Sam West Road. Welch will be limited to fifteen vehicles on the property.

Selectmen also approved the transfer of the seasonal club liquor license of Westwick Racquet Club on Tannery Road to Attorney William Murray, as representative of Westfield Savings Bank. Murray does not plan to operate the club, but will hold the license until someone purchases the property. The new property owner will then be required to apply for the license.

Both of these decisions were based on the results of recent public hearings.

Selectmen also granted a conditional business license to William Dennis of Babb Road to operate a mobile food service vehicle. According to Dennis, it will be a family-run business and will operate mainly evenings and weekends during spring and summer months, selling ice cream and hot dogs.

Dennis said he did not want to invest in a vehicle until he knew he could get a license to operate. His license will not be valid until his vehicle passes inspection by the Board of Health.

## Open Forum On Effects Of 2 1/2 Slated

An open forum entitled "Schools at the Crossroads: Survival Under Proposition 2 1/2" will be held on Thursday, March 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in Southwick High School auditorium.

A panel comprised of a parent, a Student Council representative, teachers, a school committee person, a member of the Finance Committee, and a selectman

will make a presentation. Gilbert Arnold will serve as moderator.

Discussion will center on the impact of Proposition 2 1/2 on Southwick schools and on what the future holds. Members of the audience will be permitted to ask questions.

Refreshments will follow the program.

# Building By-law Set For TM Vote

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The April 20th Annual Town Meeting will consider a by-law addition that would require the proper numbering of all buildings in town. The ordinance, according to Fire Department Lt. Edward Pepe, will allow public safety officials to locate emergencies faster.

"In many cases, having the number on a building can mean the difference of arriving on time or too late," Pepe said.

The proposal is endorsed by both Police Chief Charles Wolfe and Fire Chief Melbert Johnson.

According to the proposal, the Board of Assessors will assign numbers to all buildings and maintain a record of the numbering. Only the selectmen can order a street renumbered, according to the recommendation. Occupancy permits issued by the building inspector will include the proper number.

The by-law would require numbers to run continuously from end to end of a street. The numbers should be displayed in clear block style, six inches high and of contrasting color with the background.

The numbers should be on the side of the building facing the street on a pole no more than ten feet back from the street. Buildings of multiple occupancy would also be required to have each apartment clearly marked.

If the owner or occupant fails to mark his building, the building inspector is authorized to do so, with the cost assessed to the owner or occupant. Persons who fail to comply with the regulations will be fined \$20 for each offense.

According to Pepe, clear identification of a building will make locating it easier, especially at night.

"A small fire may not be visible from the street, but if the trucks have to ride around looking for the residence, it could be a full-blown fire by the time it is located. Fire and police services can be most helpful only when they can arrive on time," Pepe said.

According to Pepe's discussion with selectmen, the town would not have to be completely numbered. Such work was done by the Women's Club about ten years ago.

However, Pepe noted the system is not complete and has not been enforced. The new numbering could be worked into the old system.

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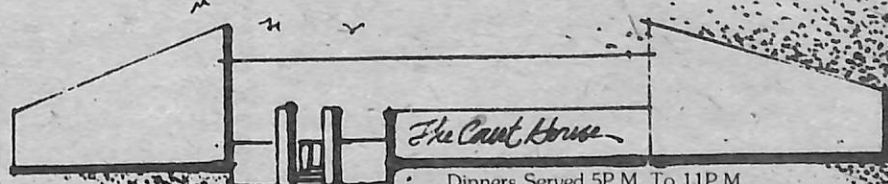
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## Ferrigno Carries Democratic Banner In Selectmen Race

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Alan Ferrigno of 3 Tammy Lane will head the Democratic ticket with his bid for the three-year term of selectman in the April 13th town election. The Democrats chose their slate at a March 6th caucus.

Also selected to run are Clovis G. Goyette, Jr. of 9 Salem Road, assessor for three years; Priscilla Deveno of 299 College Highway and Thomas Ferrazano of 63 Kline Road, two three-year terms on the School Committee; Elbert G. Hollister of 58 Hillside Road, Dickenson School Trustee for three years; and Warren Baker at 43 Will Palmer Road, one year to fill the vacancy on the Water Commission. All are incumbents.

Running for the first time will be Diane S. Zink of 39 Tannery Road, for a two-year term to fill a vacancy on the School Committee; Carol A. Rahaim of 166 South Lomis Street, Library Trustee for three years; William A. Brown, 85 North Longyard Road, Planning Board for five years; Theodore Dernago, Jr. of 697 College Highway, Planning Board to fill a vacancy; and Norman H. Crowley of 9 Kimberly Drive, Housing Authority for five years.

The Democrats did not select candidates for other vacancies on the Board of Assessors, School Committee, Cemetery Commission, Water Commission, Park Commission, or Board of Health. According to Town Chairman Eleanor Crowley, only 24 out of 1,145 registered Democrats voted in the caucus.

## Assessors Estimates Tax Rate At \$24-\$25

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Board of Assessors estimates the new tax rate to be between \$24 and \$25 per thousand dollars. The board has recently received state certification for its revaluation of residential property.

The final tax rate cannot be set because state approval has not yet been received for the revaluation of about 200 business properties in town.

Last year's tax rate was \$48 per thousand based on 49% valuation. All property will now be taxes on 100% valuation. Impact notices, due to be mailed Monday, will show the new value of each residential property according to the assessors. Persons questioning their assessments can meet with assessors to discuss their problems.

According to officials, the Revenue Department cannot certify the valuation of business property and vacant lots until the local board adjusts its formula of reassessment for these properties. No estimate was given concerning when this adjustment would be completed.

## Study Committee Says Contract Custodial Services

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The special study committee, appointed to look into the operational factors of the school budget, recommends that the School Committee contract a custodial service, contract for two bus routes, and increase teaching periods in an effort to cut schools costs.

The study group noted that the present custodial staff cannot handle the desired level of service. The report states that hiring outside help for custodial service would cost an extra \$5,375 the first year for unemployment insurance of five employees, but would save over \$21,600 annually in following years. It says a contracted firm would provide the "necessary service at a lower cost."

The panel further recommended that two bus routes be contracted for three years and the two town buses sold. They felt that no buses would have to be purchased for three years.

The town presently has fifteen buses and uses only 10½. It was noted that, taking into consideration clerical and administrative expenses, the costs for contracting and town ownership are about equal.

The budget study committee feels that the School Committee should be in the "business of education, not operating bus systems or managing a custodial service."

A further recommendation is to increase the teaching periods from five to six out of a total of seven periods per day. The committee bases this recommendation on the idea that most teachers would rather be teaching than managing study halls or doing other non-academic tasks.

Using the high school as an example of financial savings, the group said there are 38 teachers, and in increasing efficiency from 71% to 85%, a reduction of five teachers could take place.

Using \$17,000 as the average teacher's salary plus \$3,000 in benefits, the report notes a \$100,000 reduction in the salary account.

They recommended similar consideration for seventh and eighth grades.

The committee further recommends the School Committee study the possibility of a weekly disability policy to help defray the cost of the 182 day per teacher potential sick leave.

The School Committee is studying the recently submitted report, according to School Business Director Kenneth Johnson. These recommendations have not been included in the preliminary budget.

## Samuel Martz Declares Candidacy For Rep.

Suffield: Former Suffield Democratic Town Committee Chairman Samuel Martz has announced his candidacy for Democratic nomination for State Representative in the 61st Assembly District, which encompasses all of Suffield and parts of Windsor and East Granby.

In announcing his candidacy, Martz said, "I plan to wage an intense campaign for the Democratic nomination and then for the Assembly seat in November."

Currently the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Martz stated, "The present Republican representative has not only been silent in the Assembly, but she hasn't taken the time to come out and talk to us in the district."

Martz, a member of the DTC, said, "Our district needs a representative who will be visible, vocal, and who will fight not only to maintain but to improve the quality of life in our district. I will be that kind of State Representative."

Martz works for the Connecticut State Federation of Teachers and resides in Suffield with his wife Judee and their two children, Rebecca, 7, and Tamarra, 5.

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## Cable TV Hearing Set For March 15

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: A formal hearing on the proposals of three cable television companies which have applied for the franchise of the ten-town area, including Suffield and Enfield, will be held at the Department of Public Utility Control Authority in New Britain on Monday, March 15 at 10 a.m. P.U.C.A. offices are located at 1 Central Park Plaza.

Kent Memorial Library Director Gene Biggio said he and other members of the Area 11 Advisory Council plan to attend the hearings to hear public testimony.

A public hearing on the proposals of the cable companies will also be held at Enfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to which the public is invited.

Biggio said this meeting will be a continuation of the meeting on Monday. The public will have the opportunity to voice opinions at this time. He said that a selection of a cable company to serve the Area 11 will not take place until late spring or early summer.

## Water's Edge Condos Question Sewer Rates

By Connie Davis

Water Pollution Control Authority commission members were approached Tuesday by Michael Harrelchek, developer of Water's Edge condominium project, concerning increased sewer assessment rates.

The commission directed Superintendent of Sewers Paul Barnett to study the impact of any adjustments to current assessment charges. A decision is expected at the commission's April meeting.

Barnett said the town has received comments concerning plans for secondary treatment from several regulatory agencies. He was directed to distribute comments to all boards and commissions affected by the study.

Barnett also has been directed to contact H.P. Hood Inc., concerning their role in the town's plans for secondary treatment.

## Elderly Project Sought By Daddario

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: Local builder Raymond Daddario outlined plans for 48 units of low to moderate income housing to members of the Housing Authority at Tuesday night's regularly scheduled meeting.

In February, Zoning and Planning Commissioners approved amendments which were a first step toward allowing construction of privately owned housing for elderly and handicapped in town.

Minimum requirements may be waived in the case of public housing owned and operated by a government agency, however, the necessary amendments add housing "limited to the exclusive use of the elderly or handicapped."

Construction of apartments in town, which must be within the planned development zone, presently require a minimum of ten acres.

A public hearing will be held in April to address the issue of the zone change to allow use of the Daddario property for efficiency and one bedroom housing.

The parcel is located in the center of town near the shopping center, churches, banks and other town elderly complexes.

## Police Seek More Info On Complaint

Suffield: The Suffield Police Department is seeking further information in order to proceed with an investigation into an unsigned complaint against one of its officers.

The department received an anonymous letter on Tuesday accusing a Suffield police officer of verbal harassment and threats. However, Chief Murray Phelps notes, "Our hands are tied; until someone steps forward to make a formal complaint, we haven't got much to investigate."

Explaining that the officer has the right to confront his accuser(s), Phelps assures the anonymous complainant that "no reprisals and no intimidation" will take place.

He says, "I would like people to feel free to come to me whenever they have a complaint about my department. Anyone can write an anonymous letter making charges."

## Robinson Presents Fire, Police Budgets To Finance Board

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Second Selectman Donald Robinson presented the 1982-83 budgets for the town fire and police departments to Board of Finance members Monday night.

The proposed Fire Department budget of \$119,239 represents an 8.6% increase over '81-'82 and includes salary increments of 11% for personnel.

Planned expenditures include a 32-foot ladder and 250 feet of hose for two fire trucks. In addition, Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore and Robinson advised Finance Board members that the position of fire marshal, once the responsibility of the chief, should be made a separate position.

Robinson also presented the proposed budget of the Police Commission amounting to \$434,694. Salaries show a 7% increase; however, negotiations are still in progress with the patrolmen's union.

Police Chief Murray Phelps explained that a third police car is needed for patrolling. According to Phelps, since 1955 when there were 811 calls for assistance and two cars on the road, requests have risen to 6,147 in 1980.

"Visibility of police is important," Phelps emphasized, noting that addition of a third car could result in division of the town into three districts: the east side of town including streets up to Hill Street; the middle district from Hill to North or South Stone; and the west district from that point out to Congamond.

Two new vehicles are needed, and, according to Phelps, the department will probably request two of the same type.

In other business at the Board of Finance meeting, Edward Sickmann, chairman of the Town Retirement Pension Commission, reported on proposed amendments concerning pensions of town employees retiring after July, 1982.


These amendments specify that the best three years of the employee's record be the basis of determining the pension. An additional amendment will bring pension plans into compliance with the new fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th.

Sickmann plans to research pension plan information from surrounding towns and report back to the board at a future date.



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EMT STEVE BRACKETT and Deborah Pohanka, ambulance coordinator, in a simulated emergency remove collision victim Gail LaGasse after applying a Zee Extrication device to keep her immobilized. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

## Land Conservancy Closing On Goal

Suffield: The Suffield Land Conservancy is pleased to announce that they have reached the 85% mark in their drive for funds to protect and preserve the former Spencer property on top of West Suffield Mountain.

"We're in the home stretch and are now going after what we feel is the hardest 15% to raise. As part of this final push, we will be contacting local businesses for contributions and plan to publish a business contributors list at the completion of the fund drive," Russ MacNayr, president, said.

On Monday, March 22nd, the SLC is planning a townwide telethon to contact area residents that have not as yet been heard from.

"We have a significant number of people who have indicated they will support us but have yet to send in a contribution or pledge," said MacNayr. "We would really like to hear from these people prior to the telethon, if possible."

Contributions of any amount will be greatly appreciated and should be sent to the Suffield Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 421, Suffield, CT 06078. All contributions to the conservancy are fully tax deductible.

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# Suffield Sets Medical Observance

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Governor William O'Neill has designated March 7th through 14th as Emergency Medical Services Week in Connecticut "in recognition of the tireless and dedicated efforts of those involved in the delivery of emergency medical care."

Deborah Pohanka, coordinator of the Suffield Ambulance Association (SAA), recently described the week's upcoming events. She will accompany five members of the volunteer group to the third annual seminar on Connecticut Emergency Medical Services to be held in East Hartford on March 12th and 13th. Sponsored by the State Department of EMS, the sessions will address issues such as burns, oxygen therapy, and mass casualties.

Miss Pohanka describes the seminar as an opportunity for continuing education and for the valuable exchange of information among squads state-wide.

The Suffield Ambulance Association was formed and incorporated in 1976 with William Phelps serving as the first director. He was succeeded by Miss Pohanka in December, 1979. Until 1976, the town am-

bulance was manned by members of the police and fire departments.

The first emergency medical technician class was conducted in the fall of 1976 since all persons who serve on an ambulance, by state law, must earn a passing grade in the EMT course. At the conclusion of the Suffield EMT class, State Health Commissioner Douglas Lloyd paid tribute to the fifty graduating EMT's and handed out diplomas.

Dr. Lloyd, who grew up in Suffield, also donated \$20 to start the town's fund drive for a new ambulance. Townwide donations resulted in the purchase of a new ambulance in 1977.

Miss Pohanka says that residents will soon receive the annual fund drive letter.

"As a volunteer organization, we never charge those needing service," she said. "EMT's volunteer their time and service to staff the ambulance seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

The annual fund drive goal for 1982 is \$17,500. Donors should make checks payable to the Suffield Ambulance Association.

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## Southwick Women Hold Hawaiian Luau



ENJOYING AUTHENTIC REFRESHMENTS at the Southwick Women's Club's Hawaiian Luau on Tuesday, March 2, are, from left; Mrs. Bernard Kvarnstrom, women's club president; Mrs. William Warrines, program chairwoman; and Mrs. Gary Keessen, president of MSFWC. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Kent Library Events

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library will offer a special lecture on archeology of the Mayan and Olmec civilizations of Central America on Tuesday, March 16th, at 7:30 p.m.

William Parady, a Farmington resident who has made fifteen separate trips to that area of the world, will present the lecture/slide show. Admission is free and open to all.

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"Rain," the steamy 1932 film starring Joan Crawford in one of her earlier efforts, will be the next presentation in the library's Reel Evil film series. This film of a South Seas trollop who vamps a fire and brimstone preacher lasts 92 minutes and will be shown on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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"Pygmalion," the superlative version of the George Bernard Shaw play on which "My Fair Lady" was based, will be the next presentation in the library's bi-weekly series for Senior Citizens. It will be shown on Wednesday, March 24th, at 10 a.m. at West Suffield Congregational Church. Admission is free.

Following the film, a luncheon will be provided by the church ladies.

For more information on any of these programs, call the Kent Memorial Library at 668-2325.

## Kent Library Seeks Volunteers

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library is seeking individuals who can give 2-3 hours per week in the evening to assist in data inputting. The library is computerizing its operations and is currently entering all book records onto a data base. A need for evening volunteers still remains.

Terminal work is not difficult and can be fun, according to Eugene Biggio, librarian. One with an ability to type and a willingness to learn some simple procedures would be capable of the task, he says. The library will train all volunteer help and supervise their work.

Potential operators may call Biggio at 668-2325.

## AARP Slates Meeting

Suffield: The Suffield Chapter of AARP will meet at Sacred Heart Hall on March 23rd at 2 p.m. Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore will be present to show a film entitled "Get Our Alive; How To Survive A Hotel Fire."

Medicare assistance will be offered on Thursday, March 18th, at the Suffield branch of Enfield Savings and Loan Bank in the Village from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Mon., Mar. 15:** Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central firehouse; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Fire Comm., 7:30, East St. Station; Social Services Comm., 7:30, Laurel Court; Zoning & Planning Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's hall  
**Tues., Mar. 16:** Women's Guild of Second Baptist Church mother-child dinner, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30, 150 Bridge St.; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Library Indian Culture program, free, 7:30; Sacred Heart Women's Guild, 8 p.m., parish hall; Board of Ed., 8 p.m., McAlister  
**Wed., Mar. 17:** Thrift Shop open 10:30-30; Pre-school story hours begin at library, pre-registration required  
**Thurs., Mar. 18:** Medicare Assistance program, 9:30-11:30, Enfield Savings & Loan, Suffield Village; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall  
**Sat., Mar. 20:** Pre-registration begins for spring crafts at library for grades 1-3.  
**Sun., Mar. 21:** Library open 1-4:30

## Suffield Players Plan "Glass Menagerie"

The Suffield Players are hard at work on their spring production of *The Glass Menagerie*, the group's 50th production.

This play is a fitting challenge to this active and energetic group. A delicate and touching story about illusion and self-awareness, the play centers around the tragic machinations of Amanda Wingfield, an aging vestige of the old South, trapped with her now-grown children in a harsh world of failure and poverty.

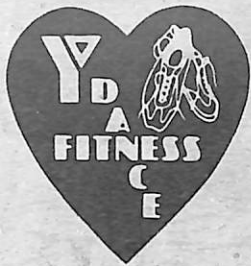
Director Waldo Goodermote will be integrating some unusual and innovative technical flourishes to the story to capture fully the atmosphere and subtleties of the play.

The production will feature Betty Williams as Amanda, Lyle Pearsons as Tom, newcomer Mary Jo Dankert as Laura, and Conrad Rogowski as the gentleman caller.

The play will open on April 23rd and run on three consecutive Fridays and Saturdays with a special Thursday presentation on May 6th.

Tickets go on sale on March 15th and will be \$5. Reservations are strongly urged and may be made by calling (203) 623-4483. In commemoration of the Players 50th production, every 50th person attending the play will get in free of charge.

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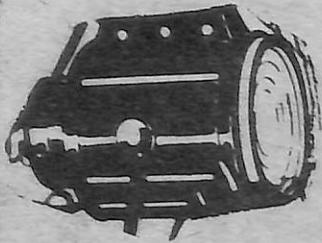
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## SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

### SOUTHWICK SR. CITIZEN'S MENU

**Mon., March 15:** Pork cutlet, O'Brien potato, peas, wheat bread, apricots, milk

**Tues., March 16:** Baked meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, rye bread, pineapple upside down cake, milk

**Wed., March 17:** Chicken cacciatore, buttered noodles, broccoli, wheat bread, canned pears, milk

**Thurs., March 18:** Yankee pot roast, boiled potatoes, steamed carrots, rye bread, banana, milk

**Wed., March 19:** Macaroni & cheese, zucchini, cole slaw, wheat bread, mixed fruit

A Council on Aging meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m., and the monthly birthday party will take place on Tuesday, March 16th from 1:30 to 3:30. Bingo will be played after the party if you wish to participate. Bring a prize if you want to.

A blood pressure clinic and screening will take place on Wednesday, March 17th, from 12:45 to 2:45.

For those Southwick seniors who wish to use the senior van, call 569-5498 the day before you will require it. Handicapped individuals can now be accommodated with the lift. Handicapped use is not limited to those over sixty years of age.

On January 31st, Amtrak began offering a 25% discount to all senior citizens when a round-trip ticket is purchased. Special services such as assistance in boarding or leaving the train or special on-board meals, can be arranged with advance notice.

To receive the discount, present a driver's license, birth certificate, or other official proof showing you are 65 years of age or older.

### SUFFIELD SR. CITIZENS' EVENTS

The trip being sponsored for Suffield Senior Citizens to Washington, D.C. over April 3rd through 6th will include a dinner-theater tour and the Cherry Blossom Festival. Major tourist attractions will be visited with evening entertainment planned around a musical dinner theater performance.

The Suffield chapter of AARP is sponsoring an 8-day, 7-night trip to the World's Fair in Tennessee over May 17th-24th. The per person, twin occupancy price is \$499. For more information, contact Roger Loomis on Mountain Road, West Suffield.

## Arts-Church Councils Sponsor Soloist

Suffield: Odetta, hailed as one of the greatest gospel, blues, and balladeers of this century, will perform in concert Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. The concert is being co-sponsored by the Suffield Arts Council and the Suffield Council of Churches and will be held in the sanctuary of First Church of Christ, 81 High Street, Suffield.

A reception and an opportunity to meet the visiting artist will follow the Sunday afternoon program.

Odetta, in the tradition of the American folk song, accompanies herself on the guitar. Her voice, unlike many folk singers, has a depth and a range that might easily have been at home in the opera, but she was affected by the black variety shows and black circuit theaters that travelled through her native Alabama.

Her songs, which include work songs, prison songs, and gospel, range from "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" to "Lass of the Low Country" and "The House of the Rising Sun." They are sung in a robust voice that is, as one reviewer termed it, "all organ songs and cathedral colors."

Tickets will be available either through contacting the Suffield Arts Council, P.O. Box 415, or through Suffield churches on Sunday, March 14th. Ticket supplies are limited and cost \$2.50 each.

A tele-track to New Haven will take place on March 25th. Cost will be \$12, not including lunch. For more information, call 668-0238.

The West Hartford Seniors Job Bank is sponsoring a post retirement seminar for people over 55 years old who are looking for interesting new ways to spend their time not only in the area of employment, but in educational, volunteer, and recreational activities as well.

The series will run twice a week for three weeks on Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 16th. It will be held at the Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, from 9 a.m. to noon. Enrollment is limited to 20. Call 521-3210 for more information.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at the Emergency Aid Association on South Street on Tuesday, March 16th, at 1:30.

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## Suffield Women Host Arts & Crafts Show



**WINNING "Best-In-Show" award at the Suffield Women's Club's annual Arts & Crafts show is Phyllis Stafford (right) of 939 North Street, accepting the silver bowl from Chairwoman Peggy Supple. Mrs. Stafford's entry, called "The Pottery Shed," is one of many miniatures she creates for family and friends. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.**

## Mother-Child Dinner Slated

The Mother-Child Dinner sponsored by the Second Baptist Church's Women's Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ Congregational on High Street.

The menu will consist of punch with cheese and crackers, salad bar, shells with meat sauce, bread, apple crisp, milk and coffee. Donations for the dinner will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

An added attraction will be the 1981 world championship double dutch team from Hartford.

To make reservations, call the church office.

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## Maryellen McCarthy Pageant Contestant



**MARYELLEN MCCARTHY**, daughter of Mrs. John E. McCarthy of 94 Brandywine Lane, Suffield, has been selected as an entrant in the 1982 Miss Massachusetts-USA Pageant to be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Grand Ballroom in Worcester on March 13th and 14th. A graduate of Suffield High, Maryellen is now a graduate student at American International College in Springfield from which she graduated last year with a degree in business administration.

## Sr. Citizen Supper Scheduled

Suffield: The Suffield Jaycees and Jaycee Women will hold their semi-annual senior citizen supper on Saturday, March 20th, at Sacred Heart Church on Mountain Road beginning at 5:30 p.m. A chicken dinner with all the fixings will be served, and the meal will be followed with bingo.

Any Suffield senior citizen is welcome, but reservations are necessary. Transportation will be provided for those who need it by means of the town's mini-bus. Dinner guests are asked to bring a plate and eating utensils.

To make reservations, call the Suffield Recreation Department at 668-0238.

## Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott



### Irish Eyes Are Smiling!

'Tis the week of St. Patrick's Day when many join in the celebration whether they be Irish or not.

Our scrapbook this week features Mrs. Rosaleen Cowhey of Southwick whose Irish eyes are often smiling and who holds a great deal of Ireland in her past and in her heart.

Rosaleen's parents came to America from County Cork during the Irish Civil War. Rosaleen was born in the section of the Bronx where she claims "everyone in the world was Irish."

She laughs that, because the Irish are such great story tellers, "from the time I learned to talk, I knew the names of all my relatives and the places where they lived in Ireland, by heart."

It was not until she became a successful young career woman that she was able to go to her parents' homeland and meet these people and see the places that she had grown up learning about.

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Rosaleen's career began after her graduation from the Washington School for Secretaries, where Rosaleen jokes, "yes, we had to wear white gloves and follow all the rules for a proper young lady."

She secured a position with CBS television as a casting director. This experience led to a job with Richard Rogers (of Rogers and Hammerstein) where she worked as his secretary on the Broadway production of "Flower Drum Song." She calls this experience "marvelous" because Rogers was such a great man.

Other jobs she held were more hectic but still involved famous people. She worked on four Broadway shows as assistant to George Roy Hill (whose credits include "The Sting").

Rosaleen worked on TV productions during the sixties, the "golden years of TV," when many shows were live. One of the shows was the "forgettable game show called "Make A Face." The monthly Dupont Special was another show she worked on, all adding up to a very impressive resume.

Fortunately, Rosaleen was able to travel to Europe a few times with girlfriends able to afford the trip. "Our hearts were young and gay, just like in the book" she laughs referring to the novel about two young girls' adventures abroad. On one trip in 1954, she met James Cowhey, an Irish farmer.



### LOCAL COLLEEN ROSALEEN COWHEY

In 1965, Rosaleen returned to Ireland with her parents for the summer. She again met and this time fell in love with James. They planned their wedding via mail and a few more trans-Atlantic trips for Rosaleen before they were married in Ireland. They had already purchased a farm in the Ballyhoura Mountains, "where the view is spectacular," she praised.

Rosaleen was very excited and willing to move far from the hustle of New York City to a country, "where the people are so friendly and the land is so beautiful and lush."

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Her father's sudden death changed their plans. They returned to America to stay with Rosaleen's mother for a year or two until she adjusted to being alone. Circumstances led to their deciding to remain in America to find a new farm here. Their search led them to Southwick where they bought a farm on College Highway. They named it after the mountains that they had left behind in Ireland, Ballyhoura, and it is now a milk producer for Pioneer Dairy.

They have six children, Thomas, 14, Patrick, 12, Mary, 10, James, 9, Kathleen, 8, and Rosaleen, 6. With a full time responsibility of caring for her family, Rosaleen concentrates her volunteer activities on her church, a most important aspect of her life.

A member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church she teaches CCD to 2nd graders preparing for First Communion. She is on the Evangelization Committee and on a work study of the ritual of the mass. Rosaleen is a member of the PTA at St. Mary's in Westfield where her children attend school.

Three years ago, James and Rosaleen returned to Ireland for the first time since their wedding. They visited the priest who married them and went to see many places and people that hold such wonderful memories for them.

Rosaleen reflects "It suddenly came to life again. All those wonderful places and people in the flesh that you often think about. It was really wonderful."



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## FROM THE THIRD

By Edward W. Connelly  
MA State Rep.  
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After last week's overwhelming choice by several towns in the Commonwealth not to tamper with Proposition 2½, the purpose now becomes not a debate on whether 2½ should have passed...but how do we go forward with it.

The six communities which reaffirmed their support for the tax cutting measure by rejecting proposals to increase property tax revenues were Freetown, Stow, Canton, Holliston, Wakefield and Winchendon.

The modifications considered by these communities were designed primarily to help the communities below the 2½ percent ceiling. These communities could have increased the property tax revenues by 5 percent for fiscal year 1983 instead of 2½ percent until they reached the ceiling, if a majority of voters approved. Also, the communities could have immediately increased the property tax rate to the ceiling if two-thirds of the voters agreed.

Proposition 2½ froze local property tax levels when it was approved by 59 percent of the Bay State's voters in November 1980. Communities that taxed property at more than 2½ percent of full cash value had to gradually reduce the tax level; cities and towns below the 2½ percent ceiling were allowed to increase their property tax revenue by 2½ percent a year until they reached the ceiling.

Because property taxes in Massachusetts are still 39.4 percent above the national average, it is essential that we retain the growth levy limit leaving the tax rate to drop until local voters find a rate with which they are comfortable.

With these recent happenings, there remains the general feeling that the provisions of 2½ are adequate; real and significant tax relief must continue.



## Letters To The EDITOR

### BOSS Appreciates Support

#### To The Editor:

We, the members of Boost Our Southwick Schools (BOSS), would like to thank everyone who helped support our Winter Carnival at Southwick High School on Saturday, February 27, 1982.

We also want to thank the teachers who helped and supported us by participating and by giving their time and their great sense of humor. We think the students realized that the teachers who helped showed great sportsmanship and showed them (the students) that there are teachers who really care.

We especially want to thank the students who gave one hundred percent of themselves. Without the students we wouldn't have been able to make the carnival the success that it was. Each student in their special way worked hard. The many hours that were spent planning, building props, painting posters, working all the booths and trying to make each child that came enjoy themselves. Yes, even the cleanup work was enjoyed by the students.

Without you students working with us, we wouldn't have been the success we were. We love you all. We want to thank the custodians for all their help and patience with us. Also, the different business and private citizens for your various donations.

We want to thank the people in town who gave their support whether it was baking for our bake sale, bringing your children to our event, donating money or just stopping by. Without each and everyone of you, we couldn't have had the good time and special fun that we all enjoyed.

We, the members of "Boss," want to thank our husbands and wives who supported us by pitching in and helping us and by being patient with us through our hours away from home. Our thanks to you all.

The BOSS Committee  
Judy Burke

## EDITOR'S NOTE...

### A Word About Letters To The Editor

This week we received letters written by citizens from Suffield and Southwick, people who had hoped to have their concerns published. Those letters will not be printed in this newspaper - simply because neither letter contained the signature of the person/persons expressing the viewpoints.

The policy of this paper is that **all letters must be signed and in good taste. No anonymous letters will be printed.**

Without a signature, a written viewpoint loses credibility, accountability, and impact. We understand there are circumstances when a signature on an inflammatory letter could have a strong impact on the writer's life. However, an unsigned, published letter criticizing another's job performance, for example, could unfairly affect that person's reputation and should not be treated lightly.

If an individual cannot stand behind his/her signature, a "Letter to the Editor" is not the appropriate medium for expression.

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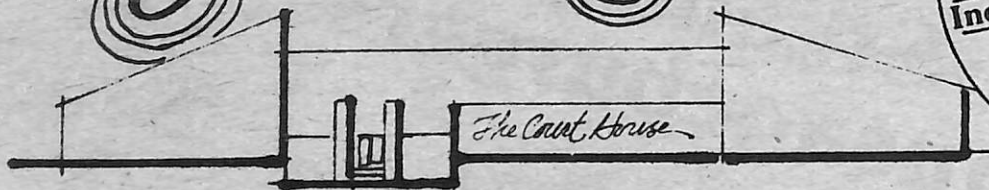
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# SCHOOL NEWS



**MICHELLE PENDER**, a senior at Suffield High School, has been named class valedictorian, the highest academic honor given by the school.



**TRACY KOPE**, a senior at Suffield High School, will serve as the 1982 salutatorian for the school.

## Suffield High Selects Top Student Officials

Suffield: Dr. David A. Johnson, Suffield High School principal, recently announced the selection of valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 1982.

Named class valedictorian, the highest academic honor Suffield High School can bestow, was Michelle Pender, daughter of Michael and Margaret Pender of 1580 Mapleton Avenue. Michelle, who has attended Suffield schools since second grade, lives with her parents, her brother Michael, a seventh grader, and her sister Erin, a first grader.

A member of the National Honor Society for two years, she is also on the graduation committee as well as being an active member of the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club. Her favorite subjects in high school have been biology and chemistry.

Michelle has held several different jobs, including picking blueberries, working at McDonald's restaurant, and babysitting.

Next year, she plans to attend the University of Connecticut. She was attracted by UConn's honors program and is interested in its medical school with an ultimate goal of becoming a pediatrician.

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The 1982 class salutatorian is Tracy Kope, daughter of Dr. Walter and Helen Kope of 2150 Mountain Road. Tracy lives with her parents and five-year-old brother Walter, who will be a kindergarten student next year.

Tracy's favorite school subjects are biology and math. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and the Interact Club for the past two years and has belonged to the Ski Club for all four years in high school.

Tracy has worked in a dog kennel, on a tobacco farm, and in her father's office. She has expressed interest in becoming a veterinarian following graduation from the University of Connecticut.

Michelle and Tracy are to be congratulated for their achievements. Their future careers, along with those of their classmates, will be followed with interest.

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**Tues., Mar. 16:** Lasagna, hot French bread, green beans, peaches, milk

**Wed., Mar. 17:** Green salad bar at McAlister & elementary schools with County Cork chicken salad; High school: Limerick steak and cheese sandwich, Irish potatoes, green salad, Galway fruit cake, milk

**Thurs., Mar. 18:** Hamburger in roll, buttered noodles, carrots, fruit cup, milk

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**SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS** Timothy Cannon, Marsha Amastasia, and Paul Dewal are coached by Suffield High Band Director Ray Tanguay and Coast Guard Band Conductor Kenneth Megan. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Coast Guard Band Thrills Audience

By Connie Davis

The U.S. Coast Guard Band played to a full house in Sisson Auditorium at Suffield High School on Wednesday, March 10th in a concert sponsored by the Suffield Council for the Arts.

The Coast Guard Band was organized in 1925 and proclaimed by Congressional Act as an official service band in 1965. The Coast Guard Band is the only one of the five major military bands that is based outside Washington, D.C. Described as a New London "institution," the band is at "home" on the grounds of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London.

Like the bands operated by the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, the Coast Guard Band is equivalent to a public relations agent for the service.

The band was organized with the assistance of Lt. Charles Benter, leader of the Navy Band; Dr. Walter Damrosch, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; and "American March King" John Phillip Sousa, former director of the Marine Band.

Under the direction of Conductor Kenneth Megan, the 30-piece band played a variety of music, leading off with the Coast Guard anthem and bringing from "Suite for Military Band" to ragtime and swing music (Above)

Dan Luken's clarinet solo "I Could Have Danced All Night" from Lerner and Lowe's "My Fair Lady" was a highlight of the concert, which also featured George Gershwin's "American in Paris."

Announcer Bill Wheeler provided commentary for each selection and said the band dedicated the "Liberty Bell March" to the Suffield High Band, which also performed that piece at their concert Thursday night.

Among the audience of 600 students were instrumentalists from McAlister Middle School's sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands.

The 55 minute concert concluded with a medley of tunes from Barry Manilow's album, "This One's For You."

At the conclusion of the concert, Suffield High Band Director Ray Tanguay voiced appreciation to the band for an outstanding performance. He also thanked Barbara Tanguay, coordinator of the Visiting Artists Program of the Suffield Council for the Arts, for arranging the concert.

### SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Powder Mill & High Schools

**Mon., Mar. 15:** Hamburger on roll, sliced cheese, french fries, chilled fruit, milk

**Tues., March 16:** Juice, hot ham & cheese on roll, vegetable sticks, fruited jello, milk

**Wed., Mar. 17:** Irish sausage pattie, Dublin gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread & butter, Shamrock pudding, milk

**Thurs., Mar. 18:** Juice, tuna salad pockets, cheese fingers, vegetable sticks, dessert, milk

**Fri., Mar. 19:** Cheese pizza, Popeye salad, applesauce cake, milk

### WOODLAND SCHOOL

**Monday:** Same

**Tuesday:** Chicken vegetable soup, bologna & cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, jello, milk

**Wednesday:** Hamburger gravy on bread, green beans, bread & butter, Shamrock pudding, milk

**Thursday:** Cranapple juice, frankfurt on roll, potato rounds, cookie, milk

**Friday:** Same

## Band Parents Slate Dinner Dance

Southwick: The fourth annual Southwick Band Parents' Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at the Southwick Rec Center on Powder Mill Road.

A smorgasbord is being planned under the direction of Mary Paules with cocktails set for 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Dancing will go on until 12 midnight to the music of the Southwick High Jazz Band led by Ernest DeNapoli.

A limited number of tickets are available from DeNapoli at the high school at \$8.50 per person. Executive board members who are also selling tickets include Rita Sak (569-6830); Carol Geryk (569-3570); Pat Antonucci (569-3249); and Barbara Carpenter (569-5142).

## Southwick 20-20 Club Winners

Winners of this week's 20-20 Club sponsored by the Southwick Band Parents are as follows:

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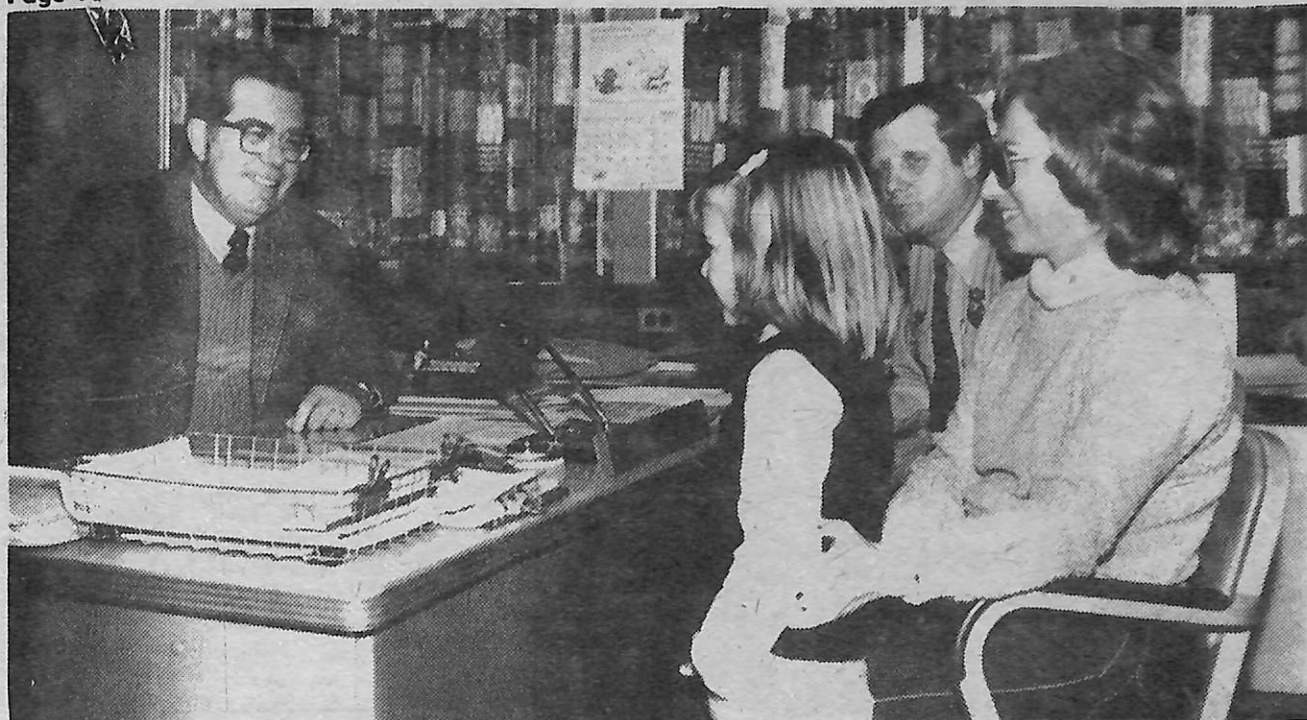
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## Woodland Slates Pre-Kindergarten Screening

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: On March 22nd and 23rd, Woodland School in Southwick will hold its annual pre-kindergarten screening. Under Chapter 766, all children who are five years old by September 1st are required to participate in this program. Also, any three or four-year-old whose parents suspect there may be a problem can be screened at this time. The program is organized to reach the greatest possible number of youngsters.

Since students from the Child Study Program at Southwick High School assist in supervising the pre-schoolers, the task of processing each child registered is made much easier. Parents will be able to fill out necessary forms, consult with school psychologists, and not have to worry about any younger family members. The high school students will also keep children being tested amused between screenings.

Karen Olsen, school psychologist, and kindergarten teachers Mrs. English and Mrs. Morrill have developed the cognitive tests taken by about 100 pre-schoolers annually. This process merely determines a child's level of skills in memory, recognition of likes and differences, colors, shapes, etc. Since all children progress at a different pace, those administering the tests get an idea of where each individual stands compared to others in his general age group.

Miss Debra LaBruzzo heads the speech and language area in which the concern is a child's use of words, his understanding of the spoken word, and his spontaneous speech patterns.

Physical education teachers are responsible for judging motor skills and coordination. Jumping, running, and catching a ball as well as other simple feats demonstrate a child's level of physical development.

Audio and visual screenings are important components of this program also. Through this process, undetected problems can be uncovered before a child even enters school.

Members of the Southwick Women's Club volunteer their time to do the visual screening. About ten women, trained in a two-day course offered by the Massachusetts Society for the Blind, are now certified to administer the vision exams.

These women employ all the necessary equipment including the standard E chart and picture cards for pre-schoolers who may have difficulty understanding the instructions. Headed by Jane O'Donnell, this group usually detects one or two disorders each year.

Supplemental programs in speech therapy can be arranged with the Southwick Country Day Care Center.

Parents must fill out medical as well as developmental histories. This information gives coordinators added knowledge to help spot potential difficulties.

The purpose of such extensive screening is to identify any special needs children may have prior to their entering school and to plan to meet these needs.

Parents should allow 1½ to 2 hours for the complete screening process. Please call Mr. Louis Crawford at Woodland School for an appointment as soon as possible.



### LIBRARY UPDATE

By Mary Williams  
Southwick Library

The Southwick Library has added the following new books to its collection:

**Lionheart** by Martha Rofheart is a stirring novel about one of England's most romantic and heroic kings, Richard I.

**Listen to the Millrace** by Barton Porter tells the story of homesteaders in the state of Washington as seen through the eyes of a young boy.

**Women Working Home** is a directory and a guide for women who wish to conduct a business in their own homes written by women who have been successful in this field.

**Solar Air Heater and Insulating Window Shade** are two Rodale Press books which provide complete instructions with illustrations and blueprints for construction by the handyman.

**Windsinger** by Gary Smith who is a mountaineer, folksinger, photographer and writer is a celebration in word and picture of the western wilderness.

**The Barforth Women** by Brenda Jagger recounts the story of passion and intrigue in Victorian England.

**Women's Work** by Anne Tolstoi Wallach is a novel about a brilliant and beautiful woman holding her own in the business world—a true heroine of the 80's.

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**The Greatest Crime** by Sloan Wilson is a powerful saga of the sea written by the author of **The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit**.

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**Elvis** by Albert Goldman is the definitive biography of the American superstar.

**The Offer** by Jesse Laskey & Pat Silver is a novel of two families - Arab and Jewish - who are bitter enemies and beloved friends.

**The Gate of Heavenly Peace** by Jonathan Spence presents the many-faceted history of modern China from 1895 to 1980. The author is a professor at Yale and an authority on China.

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## Suffield Hockey: A Tale Of Two Seasons

By Rick McCarty

At the season's outset, Suffield hockey appeared far different from the team that reached the second round of the state Division I hockey tournament.

The coach was Laurie Bastarache, a controversial figure. When he did not win the favor with the Suffield players or fans because of his low key style, he became embroiled in a controversy which climaxed with his resignation and former coach Larry Green assuming command. With the help of assistants Tony Odierna and Rick Martino, Green turned around an ominous beginning and molded the Wildcats into a top ranked contender.

On the ice, defense was Suffield's trademark due to the play of two-time All-Star John Bertolini. A senior and also the squad's captain, Bertolini was a hard-hitter while possessing moves that some forwards can only hope for.

This versatility enabled him to star on offense as well. Combined with his defensive capabilities, Bertolini was Suffield's bread and butter man.

Paired with Bertolini on the backline was junior Bob Heyse who showed marked improvement since his first varsity campaign a year ago.

The second duo of blueliners constituted senior Mike Frey and junior Mark Kuchachik. These two strong players were especially noted for their housecleaning in front of the Suffield net of enemy attackers.

For the forwards, the Wildcats opened with a senior line. Center Danny Sullivan flanked by wings John Gallant and Mike Milligan proved to be the clutch performers on the attack. Gallant, a three-year starter, managed to create the most problems for opponents despite his small frame. Sullivan and Milligan were primarily passers and backcheckers.

Center Bill Carney headlined the next line as he was Suffield high-point man. Tooled with a quick shot and superb hockey instincts, Carney was aided by the presence of burly junior Randi Demers and sophomore Joey Carreri. The trio combined for the best offensive punch in terms of point-getting for the Wildcats.

Finally, there was the line who created some exciting moments for the Wildcats. Not noted for their offensive talents, but were well-known for tenacious defense and shot blocking, senior center Rob Colson led juniors Brian Gardocki and Todd Phelps into battle in order to frustrate the opposing side. After completing their commando style mission (they were not hacks but just hard-nosed players), they would leave the goal scoring to the other lines and would often be overlooked when assessing the game.

In goal was junior Bernie Dion who opposing coaches labeled "too quick." Owner of lightning quick reflexes, Dion played every game with the intensity that makes hockey the game it is.

## Wildcats Bow To New Canaan In Tourney

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield Wildcats skaters ended their season on a losing note as they fell to New Canaan 4-0 in a Division I second round contest played at the Darien Ice Rink on Saturday, March 6.

Although Suffield was shutout, it was not a one-sided affair. After surrendering two fluke goals in the first two periods of play, the Wildcats had to take chances. Diverting from their patented position defense did not prevail for the locals as they ended with a 14-6 mark.

Against third ranked New Canaan, Suffield had the deck stacked against them. First, New Canaan was 20-2 entering the game and played before some 500 fans, mostly their supporters.

Second, the southerners were much faster skaters than the locals as they often played a "dump and chase" offense. Last, the Wildcats played without the services of junior wing Randy Demers due to water on the knee suffered in a first round victory over Fairfield Prep. The loss the Demers wasn't a devastating blow but certainly threw a wrench into the ranks.

The Wildcats hung tough due to the defensive play of their four defensemen. Senior captain John Bertolini, senior Mike Frey, and juniors Mark Kuchachik and Bob Heyse, all played great games as they performed with pride and skill against the speedy southerners. Being outshot 26-16, Suffield allowed only 13 shots over the final two stanzas.

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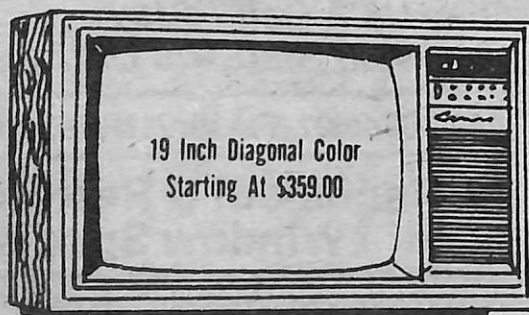
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## Recreation Center News

By Cindy Meany-Massai

The Southwick Rec Center will hold its next Las Vegas Night on Saturday, March 27, from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight at the Rec Center. Please come to have a great time and possibly win some big money.

Rec Center bingo is still drawing big crowds. On March 3, over 300 people played bingo at the Rec Center, including a busload of 46 people from Plainville, Conn. We hope all of you bingo players continue to come out to Rec Center bingo and we certainly appreciate your support.

There was a good turn-out for the first "Rec Center Sunday Afternoon at the Movies." The movie, "The Dark Star," was shown on March 7th to a crowd of 87 children and 16 adults. The kids seemed to have a great time. We would like to thank the organization of BOSS (Boost Our Southwick Schools) for donating their help and support at the movie. The Rec Center is planning to show a first run "PG" rated movie in the near future.

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Basketball action on Saturday, March 6th saw the Hawks beat Sixers by 44-36. Mike Vincent and Billy Richards paced the Hawks; while Mark Typroicz caned a big 28 points for the Sixers.

An exciting game took place between the Celtics and Kings, with the Kings taking the game by a tight 39-36 margin. High scorers for the Kings were Seth Girocci and Billy Lis. Doug Parent and Todd Cook topped the Celtics' scoring list.

On Monday, March 8th, there was an inter-town basketball game between the Southwick Rec Center and St. Marys of Simsbury. Southwick lost in the last few seconds by a close 53-50 count. Todd Cook was Southwick's top scorer with 18 points.

For information regarding the Southwick Rec Center, please call 569-5950 or 569-5811

## Grapplers Looking For Brighter Future

By Chris Hout

The winter sports season has finally drawn to a close and no one could be happier than Southwick wrestling coach Bob Thompson.

"It was a long frustrating season," noted Thompson in regards to his team's 2-12 record. "Some of the guys wrestled very well for me this year, but for the most part I was disappointed."

Southwick, a Division II sized school, was forced to compete in the Division I bracket this season due to the impacts of Proposition 2 1/2. And the Rams, who were a respectable 4-7 the previous year, were absolutely manhandled in their initial season with the larger schools.

"There is no way we could've competed with those schools," said Thompson. "We only had 17 guys try out for the team and the two of them ended up quitting. Most schools in Division I carry between 30 and 40 guys on their roster. When you have that kind of turnout, it makes things a lot easier."

Southwick, which finished 24th out of 25 teams in the Western Mass. tournament, was shutout four times this season and didn't win a dual meet until they were already 0-11 (they beat West Springfield). The Rams closed out the campaign with a victory over Northampton.

"I would have liked to stay in Division II for at least one more year," said Thompson. "At least the kids could have gained some experience against kids of their own caliber. Wrestling against these bigger schools didn't really do much for their confidence."

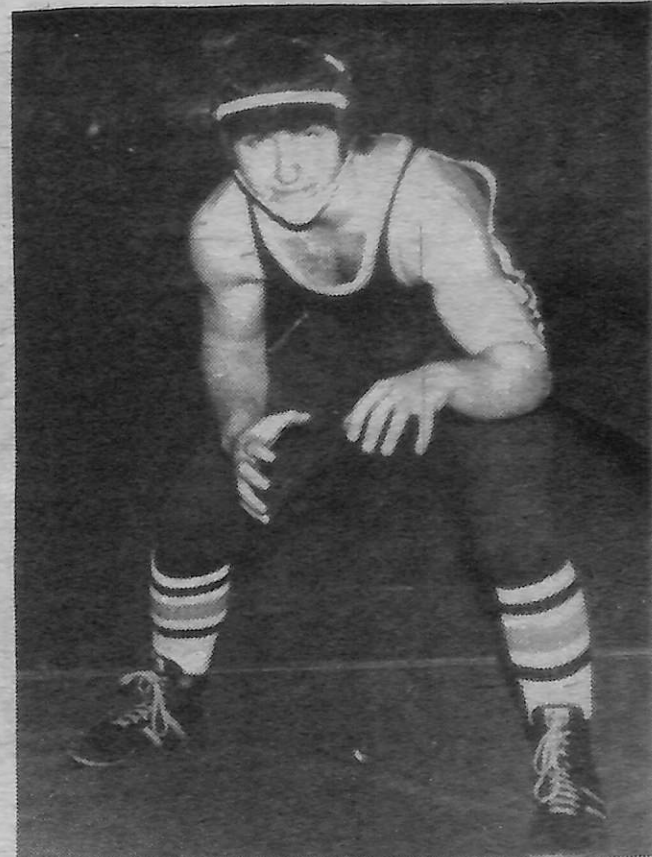
The Rams did boast two individual grapplers with better than .500 records this year.

Doug Hale (157) with a record of 8-5 and Eric Leavitt (169) with a record of 9-4 (7 pins) were the only Southwick wrestlers to finish on the upswing.

Thompson will lose Hale to graduation but he'll get Leavitt back for one more year.

"I'm very excited about Eric," said Thompson. "He has the chance to be one of the top wrestlers at his weight class in all of Western Mass. next season. If he can stay healthy he'll go a long way."

Leavitt has been plagued by injuries the last two seasons and has yet to see a bit of action in the prestigious Western Mass. tourney, an event Thompson feels Leavitt could go places in next season.



ERIC LEAVITT will be a mainstay of Southwick's wrestling team next season. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

"Eric beat some fine wrestlers this season," Thompson remarked. "And truthfully I don't see too many wrestlers at 169 that he won't be able to stay with. If he works hard he could possibly win his weight class next season."

Also coming back for Thompson next year will be Dave Deray, Jeff Hale, Dick Tingley, Bob Tingley, Dave Carmody and Danny Cook.

Cook won the junior varsity Western Mass. 147 pound title this past season and Thompson labels him a good one.

"Danny has the potential to be a very good varsity wrestler," he said. "Danny is very smart. He always uses his head."

"We have a good nucleus coming back next season," figured Thompson, who is presently head coach of the Springfield Technical Community College baseball team. "I think the attitude will be a lot better too. I already heard some of the kids talking about next season which is very nice to hear if you're a coach."

Another wrestler the coach is anxious to see next year is 114 pound Eric Michnovetz. Michnovetz wrestled junior varsity this year and really impressed Thompson.

Thompson blamed Proposition 2 1/2 for some of his club's attitude problems in 1981-82. "Everyone on the team knew we were going to get blown away before every match and it's tough to keep your enthusiasm when you have that hanging over your head. We needed at least one more season in Division II. Unfortunately, we didn't get it."

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When you make your first deposit into a regular savings account, an IRA, or a N.O.W. Account; or when you open a new Six-Month Money Market Certificate or rollover your funds from an existing Six-Month Certificate, or open a Money Market Fund account, you'll qualify for a FREE gift or special-price gift, as follows:					With each additional deposit of \$100 or more you pay only:
Choose from these quality items:	\$1,000 or more	\$5,000 or more	\$10,000 or more	\$40,000 or more	
A. Paper Mate Pen Set	FREE	FREE	FREE		\$ 6.95
B. Westclox Travel Alarm	FREE	FREE	FREE	Any	6.95
C. Aurora Calculator - Mini Desk Top	\$ 8.00	FREE	FREE	Two	9.95
D. Swiss Watches	8.00	FREE	FREE	FREE	9.95
E. Magnavox AM Portable Radio	8.00	FREE	FREE		9.95
F. Aurora Credit Card Calculator	11.00	FREE	FREE		12.95
G. Westclox Digital Alarm	11.00	FREE	FREE	FREE	12.95
H. Timex Watches - Group I	11.00	\$ 7.00	FREE	FREE	12.95
I. Aurora Checkbook Calculator	15.00	11.00	FREE	FREE	16.95
J. Timex Watches - Group II	15.00	11.00	FREE	FREE	16.95
K. Magnavox AM/FM Purse Radio	15.00	11.00	FREE	FREE	16.95
L. Aurora Desk Top Calculator	20.00	17.00	FREE	FREE	21.95
M. Magnavox AM/FM Portable Radio	20.00	17.00	FREE	FREE	21.95
N. Timex Watches - Quartz	20.00	17.00	FREE	FREE	21.95
O. Westclox Watches - Quartzmatic	23.95	21.95	FREE	FREE	29.95
P. Pocketwatch & Chain	28.00	27.00	\$19.50	FREE	Not for sale

All gifts are subject to availability. Limit one free gift per customer, except as noted. Personal accounts only. CT sales tax is included in the price of each item purchased. Program subject to rules of bank which reserves the right to withdraw offer at any time. Substantial interest penalty for early withdrawal on certificate accounts. Offer available until August 31, 1982.